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SUBJECT: V AND G INTERNATIONAL TRADING

REF: QUITO 396, QUITO 691, USDOC 1483

1. APPRECIATE USDOC RESPONSE TO OUR REQUEST FOR INFORMATION ON SUBJECT FIRM.

2. ECUADOREAN CITIZEN CONTRERAS AND LOCAL ACCOMPLICE HAVE CONFESSED TO FRAUD SCHEME WHICH INVOLVED USE OF PRO FORMA INVOICES GIVEN CONTRERAS BY VINA AND STOLEN OR COUNTERFEIT ECUADOREAN CONSULAR STAMPS. PART OF MONEY TAKEN BY CONTRERAS HAS BEEN RECOVERED BY LOCAL POLICE.

3. THERE IS STILL SOME QUESTION IN OUR MINDS AS TO POSSIBLE

INVOLVEMENT OF VINA IN FRAUD. WE HAVE SEEN LETTER ALLEGEDLY WRITTEN BY CONTRERAS TO VINA WHICH IMPLICATES VINA IN FRAUD. IN ANY CASE, MATTER IS NOW IN HANDS OF POLICE AND COURT, AND HOPEFULLY NEITHER EMBASSY NOR USDOC WILL HAVE FURTHER INVOLVEMENT IN MATTER.
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